

WHEREAS, the first and most important reason for the existence of all governmental units is to serve the needs of people; and,

WHEREAS, the people of Rapid City, the victims of the devastating flood of June 9, 1972, were inflicted with the greatest need for assistance in the history of our State; and,

WHEREAS, Rapid City, under the leadership and guidance of Mayor Don Barnett, rose to meet these needs, both immediate and long term, through the city's own resources and in cooperation with private organizations and State and Federal Government; and,

WHEREAS, the disaster relief efforts as well as the plans for reconstruction in Rapid City will long be an outstanding example of high quality and efficient service to people in need:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota do commend

DON BARNETT, MAYOR OF RAPID CITY

for his perceptive and decisive leadership, his outstanding personal dedication and his humanitarian concern for all of the people of Rapid City.

South Dakota takes great pride in its citizens such as Mayor Barnett who are dedicated to the well being and prosperity of our people and cities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed the Great Seal  
of the State of South Dakota,  
in Pierre, the Capital City,  
this 13th day of September,  
in the Year of Our Lord,  
Nineteen Hundred and  
Seventy-two.



RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE